

Bedford...
"Our Town"



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We dedicate this book to all those from "Our Town" who served their country in times of need, and most especially to those who paid the ultimate price, that we may be safe and happy in our bucolic Town of Bedford.

The Community Organizations Committee



The Bedford Oak circa 1500

Any non-profit organization operating in the Town of Bedford, or serving Bedford residents, that would like to be included in the next edition of this booklet may contact Marilyn Pellini at 232-8387.

BEDFORD THEN AND NOW

The Town of Bedford is 39.3 square miles and was a part of the State of Connecticut until the year 1700. Three distinct hamlets exist within the town- Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Katonah. The town's symbol, the Bedford Oak, stands at the corner of The Hook Road and Canitoe Road and is over 500 years old.

A Supervisor and four Town Board members govern Bedford. One of their important responsibilities is to make appointments to the various boards and advisory groups within the town government. Among these are the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Wetlands Control Commission, Conservation Board, Blue Mountain Housing Corporation Board of Assessment Review, Tree Advisory Committee, Recycling Advisory Committee, Drug Abuse Prevention Council and the Historic and Recreation Advisory Groups.

Town Government offices are located on the Town House Campus at 321 Bedford Road and 425 Cherry Street in Bedford Hills. They are open on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. At 321 Bedford Road you will find the Supervisor's Office, Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes, Assessor, Personnel Office and Court Clerk. Across the street at 425 Cherry Street, in the new building, are the offices of the Recreation Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, Water Department, Finance and the Parking Bureau. The Police Department is located in the building next to the Town House, and the Highway Garage and Town Recycling Center are located on Adams Street in Bedford Hills.

BEDFORD TOWN SERVICES

Services provided by the Town of Bedford include a full-time Police Department, Volunteer Fire Departments in each hamlet, a Town Highway Department, and Four Water Districts. Each hamlet has a Town Park and Library. Three different public school districts serve the Town of Bedford: Bedford Central, Byram Hills and Katonah-Lewisboro, along with a number of private and parochial schools.

Medical services in the area are available at the Northern Westchester Hospital Center in Mt. Kisco. Ambulance service is supplied by the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Bedford Village Fire Department and Advance Life Support Services. There is also a District Nursing Association which serves the area. All dogs in the Town must be licensed, and there are several ordinances in effect pertaining to both dogs and horses. The Dog Control Officer enforces these laws. The town also provides the services of a recycling center. Within the last several years a tree ordinance has been established.

The town recently enacted an ordinance for the purpose of acquiring open space to protect the beauty and character of Bedford. It provides for a committee of seven to review key parcels of land and make recommendations to the Town Board for appropriate action.

FREQUENTLY USED TOWN OFFICE NUMBERS

Assessor	666-5149
Bedford Hills Free Library	666-6472
Bedford Free Library	234-3570
Building Inspector	666-8040
Conservation Board	666-4434
Court Clerk	666-6965
Dog Control	666-4855
Drug Abuse Prevention	234-3227
Finance Office	666-8283
Highway Department	666-7669
Historian	666-4745
Katonah Village Library	232-3508
Parking Department	666-8097
Personnel Office	864-0045
Planning Board	666-4434
Police Department	241-3111
Receiver of Taxes	666-4475
Recreation Department	666-7004
Recycling	241-2671
Senior Citizens	666-7203
Supervisor's Office	666-6530
Town Clerk	666-4534
Water Department	666-7855
Wetlands Control Comm.	666-5140
Zoning Board of Appeals	666-4585

ALOFT
487 E. Main St. #204
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
764-3014

Active Living Over Fifty (ALOFT) serves seven communities in Northeast Westchester County. Meetings are held in varying locations and activities are offered that give an opportunity to have fun, learn something new, see old friends and meet new ones. Some of their past programs have been on Craft Ideas, Relaxing Chair Yoga, Health Insurance, Maple Sugaring, How to Find, Fix and Read Tombstones, Flower Arranging, and Healthy Nutrition Habits. The group's aim is to help seniors remain in their homes safely and with confidence. They are working toward making this area of Westchester an elder-friendly community by developing a system of transportation for older residents, the disabled and home care workers. There is currently in existence a network of vendors in the area who deal with home safety and repair services for older residents. There are fees charged for these services.

Web Site-www.goaloft.org

American Legion Post 1575
P.O. Box 221
136 Jay St. (Rte. 22)
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-1575

Helping veterans and their families with monetary assistance was the reason the American Legion was originally founded. In 1924 the group was given a room in the Memorial House, owned by the Women's Civic Club of Katonah, to hold their meetings. Now the American Legion Post 1575 is located on Jay St. in Katonah (Rte. 22), and is a gathering place for veterans. The Post is open from 12 P.M. to 8 P.M. and later on most weekends. To be a member you must have served during "times of conflict", but invited guests are welcome. Dues are \$35, and currently there are about 100 members. Each year, following the Memorial Day Parade, the veterans serve ice cream behind the firehouse to the children of the community. This is followed by a barbecue at the Post, which is open to all town residents. The property on which the Post stands was once the Newman Farm and later known as Idlewood. For a time, there was a convalescent home there called Hillbourne Club. In 1980 some of the property was sold to the Katonah Gallery, with the Post retaining 4+ acres. A fire gutted the century old building in 1992, but it was soon rebuilt. In 1997 a new organization, Sons of the American Legion, was formed which recognizes young men whose fathers or brothers were Legionnaires. That group can be contacted at 232-1575.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians in America
William McCormack
32 Succabone Rd.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-6919**

Men and women of Irish decent, who are practicing Roman Catholics, may join the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Founded on May 4, 1836 in response to a mounting wave of religious bigotry, discrimination and mob violence this group valiantly defended the old St. Patrick's Cathedral from being burned in April 1884. Division 16 of Northern Westchester was formed on September 13, 1891. Annually this group sponsors the Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Saturday prior to the famous parade held in New York City. Substantial funds are raised each year by the members to help support Boys and Girls Clubs in the county, Hospice of Northern Westchester and Rosary Hill Cancer Center. The A.O.H. meets at the American Legion Hall on Route 117 in Mt. Kisco on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M.
Web Site-www.aohdiv16.org

**Apropos Housing Opportunities and
Management Enterprise, A-HOME
Joan Arnold
141 Tomkins Ave. 3rd Fl.
Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570
741-0740**

Two Bedford residents founded this organization in 1985. Its purpose is to acquire, develop and manage affordable housing for older adults, individuals living with disabilities and single parent families. A local coalition of 26 churches, synagogues and community organizations support A-HOME with volunteers, advocacy and financial contributions. A-Home presently has thirteen properties with sixteen buildings and manages a seventeenth property. They are located in Katonah, Bedford Hills, Mt. Kisco, Chappaqua, Vista, Thornwood, South Salem, Croton Falls and Pound Ridge. This group is always in search of additional properties so they may provide more housing for individuals and single-parent households. Lack of affordable housing has been identified as the most pressing problem in this county. If you can offer any help, please call the number listed above.
Web Site-A-Homehousing.org

Bedford Audubon Society, Inc.
Walter Fowler
35 Todd Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-1999

Individuals may be members of the local chapter only or can be chapter members through the National Audubon Society and pay dues annually. The Bedford Audubon Society was formed in February of 1913 in Bedford Village by a group of citizens concerned with the lack of forest dwelling birds in the area. At that time farm fields covered much of the town and little forest was to be found. Presently, the group owns and maintains 558 acres of sanctuary land in Bedford, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge, including a 110 acre farm in Katonah that adjoins the Hunt Parker Sanctuary. The farmhouse, circa 1720 and the adjacent structures on that property, serve as the base of operations for the local chapter. The group's current and future goals are a part of their mission statement..."to promote conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in Northern Westchester and Eastern Putnam region through education, advocacy, nature study and bird watching."
Web Site- www.bedfordaudubon.org

Bedford Community Theatre
Diane Bradsell
74 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N.Y.10507
244-0474

Auditions for BCT typically attract close to 100 town residents from young children making their stage debut to seasoned community theater participants. This group was founded in 2002 and puts on two productions each year, some of which have included: Annie (2002), The Miracle Worker (2005), Fiddler on the Roof (2007), The King and I (2008), and the Dining Room (2009). Home for the Community Theater is the Bedford Hills Community House. This facility housed a thriving community theater from the 1920's to the early 1960's, and it is with great joy that this part of Bedford's history is restored. Join the growing list of patrons and neighbors who support this outstanding partnership between the Town of Bedford and the community, by acting in the next production, lending a hand behind the scenes, attending the next play, or purchasing an ad in the Playbill for an upcoming production.
Web Site- www.bedfordcommunitytheatre.org

**Bedford Farmers Club
James Wood
1 Kendal Way Apt. 3305
Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. 10591
922-1559**

Advancing knowledge and improving the practice of agriculture and horticulture in a farming community was the premise of the Bedford Farmers Club in 1852. Today the club addresses "backyard" farming, horticulture, animal husbandry and encourages wise use of land, soil and water, and the protection of the total environment. They usually hold 5 meetings a year at the Katonah Memorial house, Chappaqua Quaker Meetinghouse, Bedford Presbyterian Church and individual homes. This is the oldest Farmers Club in the state, and they are now working to preserve the 152 years of club minutes and the historical archives for future generations. Bedford Farmers Club seeks to encourage wise and rewarding use of communal lands and foster an awareness of Bedford's remarkable agricultural heritage. For membership one must be proposed by a current member, attend two consecutive meetings, and have an interest in the Club's purpose and a willingness to serve on its committees.

**Bedford Fire Department
Joanne Aquilino
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-3133**

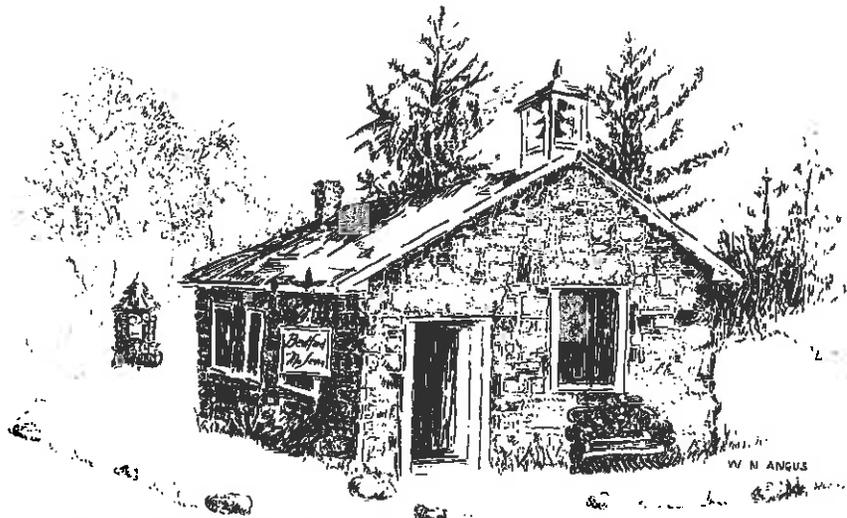
The Bedford Fire Department in Bedford Village has many dedicated volunteers. Their meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the firehouse on the Village Green. To join you must be at least 18 years old, have a recent physical examination and complete a training course. There is also a Jr. Corps for members 15-17 years old. The group was founded in 1923 to protect the village, which is comprised of many historical buildings and homes. They are always in hope of increasing their membership and have as their ongoing goals, fire prevention, and EMS (Emergency Medical Services). Fundraisers include an annual fund drive and "Turkey Day" which features a turkey raffle, games of chance and refreshments are served. "Fire on the Green" is another fund raiser where the community gets together to enjoy music, demonstrations, food, and games for the kids. The group sponsors a parade both on Memorial Day and on the last Friday in July. Firefighters bring the message of fire prevention to the local schools during each school year.

Web Site-www.bedfordfire.com

**Bedford Free Library
Ann Cloonan
Bedford Village, N.Y. 10506
234- 3570**

Bedford Free Library is located on the Village Green in Bedford Village. To obtain a library card you must live, work or go to school in the Town of Bedford. Hours are on Mondays from November to March, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and the rest of the year from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Tuesday-Friday hours are 10 A.M to 6 P.M. and on Saturday 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The historic building in which the library is housed was once a school, built in 1807. It became the library in 1903. There are three libraries within the town, Katonah, Bedford Hills and Bedford Village. They are all a part of the Westchester Library System that has a total of 38 libraries within the County. Bedford Free Library offers ongoing programs for children and adults.

Web Site- www.bedfordfreelibrary.org



The Bedford Schoolhouse, now The Bedford Museum 1829

**Bedford Hills Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Greg Reilly
61 Adams St.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
381-3356**

In 1996 the Chamber of Commerce came into being to replace the once active Bedford Hills Improvement Society. They now number 100 members, and if you are interested in the Bedford Hills business community you may join the Chamber of Commerce by simply filling out an application. Meetings are held every other month at a local restaurant for either a lunch or dinner meeting. The Chamber has helped in the past with projects such as the updating of the Bedford Hills Community House, and they hold many events for the public such as the Pumpkin Festival, Halloween Parade and sponsor the tree lighting and arrival of Santa Clause in the downtown area. During the fall they sponsor a Community Day, which is primarily a town-wide sale day. They offer a scholarship to a graduating Fox Lane student interested in the field of business and give annually to support the Bedford Hills Library. Newcomers to the area often look to the Chamber for both general and specific information. They are directed to the appropriate group and encouraged to visit the Chamber's Web Site.

Web Site- www.bedfordhills.org

**Bedford Hills Community House
Bedford Recreation Department
425 Cherry St.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-7004**

Built in 1919, as a memorial to war veterans and a meeting place for the community, the Bedford Hills Community House has stood the test of time. Located on the corner of Bedford Rd. and Church St., it has filled the needs for people of this area over these many years. In the early days it was used for potluck suppers, theater productions, and there was even a gym in the basement for sports activities. It was considered unusual for its time. In recent years a wide variety of programs have been held here such as Square Dances, Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings, Exercise Classes, Irish Dancing, Yoga, and it is now home to the Bedford Community Theater. The Bedford Hills Lions Club and The Bedford Hills Woman's Club hold their meetings here. The Town of Bedford has acquired this property and is slowly accomplishing the much needed renovation. Bedford residents are happy to know this community treasure will be kept, the unique and special facility it is now, for future generations.

Web Site-www.bedfordny.info

**Bedford Hills Fire Department
Brian Mc Gill
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-4112**

If you would like to join the dedicated fire fighters of the Bedford Hills Fire Department, call 666-4112. Meetings are held each Monday evening at the Bedford Hills Firehouse at 7P.M. To be a member you must be at least 17 years of age and participate in 8 hours of safety training. You will also be required to attend at least 4 meetings a year and 10% of the fires. To be a Jr. Corps member you must be 15 years of age. The Fire Department was founded in 1903, and the present Firehouse was erected in 1959. The 100th anniversary of the department was held in 2003 and was celebrated with a parade. Recently the group has restored a 1929 antique fire truck. Funds are raised through a yearly fund drive during Fire Prevention Week and a "Ham Night" for those over 18 years of age is held in April every year.

Web Site- www.bedfordhillsfd.org

**Bedford Hills Free Library
Rhoda Gushue
26 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-6472**

Application for a Bedford Hills Library card requires proof of residency. A person living outside of Westchester County, working in Bedford Hills or owning property in this town may also apply for a library card with proof of employment or ownership. The Bedford Hills Free Library was founded in 1915 by a group of interested citizens who wanted to bring library service to the hamlet. The library's hours are: Monday-Wednesday 1 P.M.-8 P.M., Thursday and Friday 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M., and Saturday 10 A.M.-1 P.M. There are no Saturday hours during July and August. The Director reports that their current and constant project is the upkeep of their 150 year-old building in the heart of Bedford Hills. Recent renovations have included provisions for their ever-growing holdings of audio books. Looking to the future, the library hopes to continue offering the latest technology and media that is of interest to the public.

Web Site-www.bedhillsfreelibrary.org

**Bedford Hills Historical Museum
Elin Sullivan
95 Main St.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
242-0630**

If you have items of historical interest, photos, paintings, books, furniture, costumes or indeed anything that will be of interest to future generations, the Bedford Hills Historical Museum would enthusiastically accept these items. The museum is housed on the lower floor of the Town House in Bedford Hills. Membership is open to all and is \$35 annually. Larger space will be needed in the not too distant future, and donations to the building fund are currently being solicited and are always welcome. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the museum, and anyone interested may attend. Museum hours are Thursday and Saturday from 11 A.M.-2 P.M., or by appointment. Summer hours are on Thursday only from 11 A.M.-2 P.M. Call Elin Sullivan at the number listed above if you wish to attend a meeting or need further information.

Web Site- bedfordhillshistorical.org

Bedford Hills/Katonah Little League

Bill DiRago

100 Haines Rd. Apt. 1011

Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10536

242-7328

Residents of Bedford Hills and Katonah who will be 5 years old before May 1st are eligible to join Little League. In early 1960, a number of fathers from this area formed the group, and their goals remain as they were then: to encourage children to have fun playing baseball and to continuously maintain and improve the ball fields. The teams of 5-12 year olds number over 350 children, and there is a Senior League of 13-15 year olds. The spring season runs from April to June. There is also a well established summer program from mid-June through August, and these teams travel to games throughout the county. A program lasting 6-8 weeks is scheduled each fall and the participants come from many different areas, since Bedford residency is not required for joining this particular group. The group's current goal is to raise money a number field projects. Money is raised through contributions, and every contribution is welcome. Send checks to BHKLL, P.O. Box 446, Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10506.

Web Site- www.bhkll.org

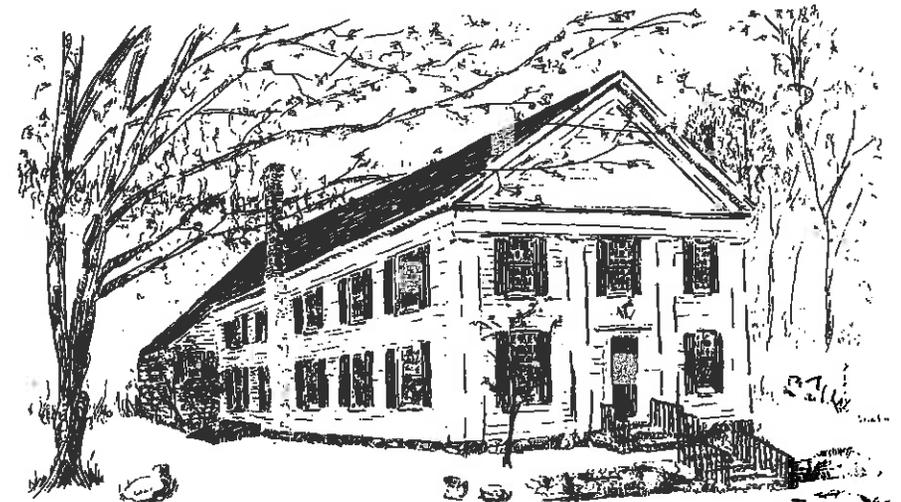
Bedford Hills Woman's Club

Flora Marchigiani & Marilyn McGinness

36 Bedford Rd.

232-1012

Bedford Hills Woman's Club was founded in 1926 to promote service and education. They meet at the Community House in Bedford Hills on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through May. This is a luncheon meeting, and there is a speaker of interest to the group each month. Currently the women are working toward awarding scholarships to local high school students and contributing to other charitable organizations. The club is also a member of the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs, which consists of 25 groups located in different areas of the County. If interested in attending a meeting, please call the number listed above.



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Bedford Historical Hall, formerly The Methodist Church circa 1806

**Bedford Historical Society
Lynn Ryan
P.O. Box 491
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-9751**

Preservation is the watchword and ideal this Society puts into practice. They have acquired seven historic buildings on the Village Green and have managed and maintained the 1787 Courthouse, the Sutton Clock Tower on Guard Hill Rd. and the Bedford Oak. In 1916 concerned neighbors rallied to prevent a possible defacing of the Old Methodist Church, now Historical Hall. Those first members made repairs and used the building as a small Community House. It is still used for this purpose today. Also in operation is a 19th century one-room school site museum at the Little Stone School House. The Society is under the direction of a 15 member volunteer board, and their meetings are held at 612 Old Post Rd. on the 2nd Monday of each month except in July and August. Annual dues are required for membership. The society also sponsors community lectures, educational tours and fund raising events. Their goals continue to be preservation, protection of historic buildings and sites in the towns, and historic easements. Email- info@bedfordhistoricalsociety.org
Web Site-www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org

**Bedford/Lewisboro/Pound Ridge
Drug Abuse Prevention Council
Patricia Warble
P.O. Box 741
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-3227**

In 1970, a group of concerned parents came together to help prevent drug and alcohol abuse by children and adults. The group dedicated to prevention and intervention works with the community, schools and parent groups in our area to develop educational programs concerning parenting, mental health issues and prevention of substance abuse. Outside speakers are engaged to give presentations that are open to the community. These are announced on the DAPC web site. A newsletter is published entitled "Of Substance" and is mailed to all residents of this area. Anyone residing in Bedford, Lewisboro or Pound Ridge, is welcome to attend DAPC meetings, which are held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church on the 1st Monday of the month at 9:15 A.M. from September through June.
Web Site- www.thedapc.org

Bedford Hills Memorial Day Parade Committee

**David Brown
c/o Bedford Hills Fire Department
332 Bedford Rd.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-9280**

The annual Bedford Hills Memorial Day parade committee organizes this annual remembrance to honor our members of the military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the union. The parade also honors our living military veterans as well as those neighbors who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Armed Forces. The parade is held on the last Monday in May, when Memorial Day is observed. The march begins at Babbit Rd., pauses at the Bedford Hills War Memorial at the Community House, and then ends at the Veterans Wall on Main St. next to the Bedford Hills Fire Department for solemn services and celebration. The committee also ensures that flags are placed at the graves of veterans, as well as the graves of deceased members of the Bedford Hills Fire Department. All worn or retired U.S. flags are accepted at the firehouse and given to area Boy Scouts for proper disposal. All community organizations are welcome to march.

Web Site- www.bedfordhillsfd.org

The Bedford Hills Neighborhood Association

**Janet Jacobsen
P.O. Box 162
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
244-0570**

Formed in 2006 to help solve the problem of over populated rental properties in Bedford Hills, the group has expanded now to a civic organization encompassing all aspects of making the Bedford Hills area family and business "friendly". In the spring of 2010 the Bedford Hills Neighborhood Association was part of a celebration of the renaming of Bedford Hills 100 years ago. Before 1910 the hamlet was known as Bedford Station. The group is organizing a 5-K race to be held in the spring. A town clean-up day is a yearly event. Members are also attempting to help the Bedford Historical Society, Bedford Hills Library and the Chamber of Commerce in some of their endeavors. Currently there are seventy members, and anyone from the hamlet who wishes to join may do so with a minimal dues fee. Some of the group's sub-committees that can always use help are: Fund Raising, Special Events, Outreach, Publicity, and Town Beautification.

Web Site- www.bhna10507.org

E mail- bhna10507@aol.com

**Bedford Republican Town Committee
Don Scott
P.O. Box 670
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507**

A Republican candidate who runs for local office, whether it is for Town, County, State or congressional positions, must seek the nomination for that office through the Bedford Republican Town Committee. If there is more than one candidate for a single office, the Committee votes to nominate its choice. The candidate not selected may challenge in a Republican primary. The Bedford Republican Town Committee is comprised of two District Leaders from each of Bedford's eighteen election districts. The BRTC's duties include nominating Republicans to run for various positions, obtaining signatures for that candidate's petition so that they may be listed on the November ballot, assisting in voter registration, raising funds for Republican candidates and assisting people who need aid in getting to the polls. If you would like to be involved with the work of this committee, call Don Scott at 262-7697.
Web Site-www.bedfordnygop.com

**Bedford Riding Lanes Association
Carol Bancel
P.O Box 178
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-2752 (BRLA)**

Established in 1920 by local families for the purpose of riding and preserving open space, the group does have annual dues but no formal meeting schedule. Bedford's riding trails were first cleared nearly a century ago as an accommodation to the Fairfield-Westchester Hunt to provide a means for foxhunters to travel across the countryside to meets. The Private Lanes Association was later established. Their aim was to preserve, protect and maintain a system of country lanes and trails on private property for the convenience of equestrians, so that they could avoid paved roads and traffic. More than 50 miles were open then and additions were made constantly. Now known as the Bedford Riding Lanes Association, it became a publicly supported non-profit organization under the auspices and leadership of Marilyn Simpson. Today the BRLA still preserves over 100 miles of the most beautiful trails in the Eastern U.S. They continue to work to stimulate interest in the preservation of "horse country" and the unique rural character of Bedford. Membership is open to persons who use the trails, and maintenance of this trail network is dependent upon their efforts and financial support. Over 1/3 of the current members are supporting non-riders.
Web Site- www.bedfordridinglanes.com

**The Bedford Turkey Trot
Jennifer Schwartz
P. O. Box 523
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-2742**

On the first Saturday after Thanksgiving the annual Turkey Trot is held in Bedford Village. A committee begins their planning in June to solicit sponsors and the numerous volunteers needed for the day of the 5K, 3.1 mile family race. Everyone living in the Town of Bedford can participate. This is a certified race which begins at the Bedford Village Elementary School, winds through the village and ends in the Bedford Village Park. At the park children's races are held and sponsored by the Chowder and Marching Club, food is served and awards presented to those winners in the different age categories which begin at 12 years and under, and progress every ten years to the 60+ category. Ribbons with medals are awarded, and in past years an engraved Simon Pierce crystal bowl in both the women's and men's category was given. The trophy was donated by Small Joys, a gift shop in the Village. Water is supplied by the Village Deli. Thanks to local sponsors the entrance fees are held to a minimum. Entrants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Northern Westchester Community Center for a local food drive. Volunteers are always needed, especially on the day of the event. If you are able to offer your help, contact the web site below.

Web Site- www.bedfordturkeytrot.org

**The Bedford Village Chowder and Marching Club
Jamie Dittrich
34 Pine Brook Rd.
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-7486**

Founded in 1956, the Chowder and Marching Club raises funds for activities geared to the youth of Bedford Village. The Club uses these funds to support Scouting, Bedford Pound Ridge Lacrosse, Little League, Village Elementary School activities, Scholarships at Fox Lane and other worthwhile projects. Two major fund raisers are held each year, an annual dinner dance each fall, and a clean-up weekend usually held the first weekend in May, at the town highway garage on Crusher Rd. C&M Club volunteers will come to your home, for a fee, and pick up your unwanted goods and transport them to the Crusher Rd. Facility. This must be arranged for, however, in advance of the event. You may carry your unwanted items there yourself at any time during their operating hours on that weekend. An instant Tag Sale is held right at the site, and one can discover some real treasures for sale. The group's unusual name comes from Revolutionary times when the town folk would gather to eat chowder and then march to a central location for speechmaking.

Web Site- www.chowderandmarching.org

Bedford Village Lions Club
Pete Haskell
P. O. Box 260
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-9509

Bedford Youth Soccer Club
Ann Haney
P.O. Box 604
Bedford Village, N.Y. 10506
234-2201

Lions International was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917 and is dedicated to community service, particularly sight-related groups and projects. In 1923, Helen Keller charged The Lions to aid the blind. There are 14,000 chapters worldwide with 1.4 million members. The Bedford Village Lions began in 1947. A desire to serve is the only requirement for membership. A dinner meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Bistro 22 Restaurant in Bedford Village at 7 P.M. On the 4th Tuesday of the month a meeting is held at a member's home. The Lions have many annual functions such as the Halloween Parade, Pancake Breakfast for the elderly and a Bike Decorating Contest held each Memorial Day. They are a sponsor of Guiding Eyes for the Blind and also offer a nursing scholarship. The club contributes to over 20 agencies yearly.

Bedford Youth Soccer Club was founded in 1972 to promote the game of soccer and to develop the best possible program for the youth in this area of Westchester. This is accomplished through instructional clinics and in-house programs, and participation in a competitive travel program. The club is affiliated with the Westchester Youth Soccer League. Primary goals include teaching soccer skills and improving the quality of play, while encouraging active, healthful participation and fostering good sportsmanship. There are presently 600+ in-house members and 200+ in the travel program. The in-house program serves K- Middle School. This group meets primarily on Saturdays. To participate in the travel program try-outs are held. There is both a fall and spring program for both groups. BYSC is a volunteer run organization, and all officers of the club serve without pay. Meetings of the Board of Directors are held monthly. The club welcomes and is always seeking, new volunteers.

Web Site-www.bedfordyouthsoccerclub.org



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Some of the buildings which face the Bedford Village Green

Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts
Sal Vaccaro
149 Girdle Ridge Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-5035

A Katonah landmark, Caramoor is the former home of the Rosen family who were ardent collectors of art, furniture and photography. This estate is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This historic site is going through a phase of strategic planning. Tours of the Rosen House by the general public are currently on hiatus as Caramoor has embarked on a comprehensive planning project to reconstruct the programs and usage at this historic site. The Rosen House will still be used for all indoor concerts and for arts and education programs for students. This showplace is also the home of the Caramoor International Music Festival, one of the top five outdoor festivals in the nation. There are two outdoor theaters, the romantic Spanish Courtyard and the attractive Venetian Theater. These resonate with music from the finest classical to jazz artists. Some of the renowned musicians who have performed here are Yo-Yo Ma, Alicia De Larrocha and Andrea Marcovicci. One can be a volunteer or a Friend of Caramoor. If you would like to be a docent, usher, guide to work with school children, perform office work or help in the gardens, contact Caramoor at the telephone number listed above. Web Site- www.caramoor.org

Community Bridge Club
Ingrid Nargi
268 Babbitt Rd. M1
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
241-0937

These bridge enthusiasts meet on Monday at the Lutheran Church in Mt. Kisco across from the Northern Westchester Hospital. They meet year round at 10:30A.M., and there is a charge of \$9. You may simply play bridge or join the upcoming classes they offer. The group's objective is to provide a safe, social environment for all bridge players, including people living alone and needing social contact. This club is a part of a worldwide membership organization, The American Contract Bridge League, which was founded in the 1920's. The local club was organized in 1973. New players wishing to learn bridge are welcome. A snack and light lunch is provided. Bagels, cream cheese, tea and coffee are provided throughout the morning.



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The John Jay Homestead 1800

**Community Center of Northern Westchester
Sherry Wolf
84 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-6572**

Located at 84 Bedford Rd. in Katonah (the former King house), the Community Center of Northern Westchester was created by local churches and civic groups in 1992. The center provides supplemental food, seasonal clothing, English language classes, computer instruction, job counseling and school supplies which are free of charge. These services are available to all in need in Northern Westchester. The center is sponsored by 28 religious, civic and educational organizations. Volunteer involvement is most welcome. Hundreds of families each month come to the Food Market, and many also receive clothing donations. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Web Site-www.communitycenternw.org

**Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Bob Wesolowski
P.O. Box 337
Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570
646-0449**

On the third Thursday of each month, from September to May, the Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets at the Emanuel Lutheran Church at 197 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville, N.Y. All may attend meetings, but if you wish to become a member there is an annual fee of \$29. The group has over 650 members. When they organized in our area, they worked to protect the natural resources, waterways, fisheries and the enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing. Stream testing and water temperature of the Croton Water System is performed on a monthly basis. They also check for chemical pollutants monthly, looking for macro biological degradation. The Croton Watershed Chapter assists the DEC (Department of Conservation) in its program of stocking local streams. This chapter is a member of the National Trout Unlimited organization.

Web Site-www.cwctu.org

F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Helping)

**Patricia Reilly
P.O. Box 66
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
241-0596**

Each year F.I.S.H, which stands for Friends In Service Helping, holds two business meeting and a annual meeting at different places of worship. Beatrice Hoffman and the Village of Mt. Kisco founded F.I.S.H. in 1971. Their purpose is to assist those in need of help getting to a doctor's office, food pantry or hospital appointment. These dedicated volunteer drivers and phone personnel have continued providing their services over these many years. The program is offered to all in the Village of Mt. Kisco and the Town of Bedford. Volunteers are needed to serve once per month for either a half-day or full day.



**Fox Lane Youth Lacrosse
George Johnson
58 Brookfarm Rd.
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-2004**

A spring sport, lacrosse, is played by Fox Lane Youth Lacrosse from April-June. Pre-season skills clinics usually begin in March. This group began in 1990 for players of all abilities from beginner to advanced, and all children are given the chance to play if they are registered. There is also a team that travels to other areas. Games scheduled in Bedford are played at Rippowam School or the Town field behind Pound Ridge Elementary School. Children wishing to join must live in Bedford or attend Bedford Central Schools and must be in grades 1-8. Sign-up is usually in February at the Bedford Free Library. About 350 children participate in the program. Scholarship assistance is available upon request, and they will help with equipment needs if cost would prohibit a child from joining. Registration on-line begins in January. Volunteers are always needed in many capacities by the group.
Web Site-www.foxlaneyouthlacrosse.com

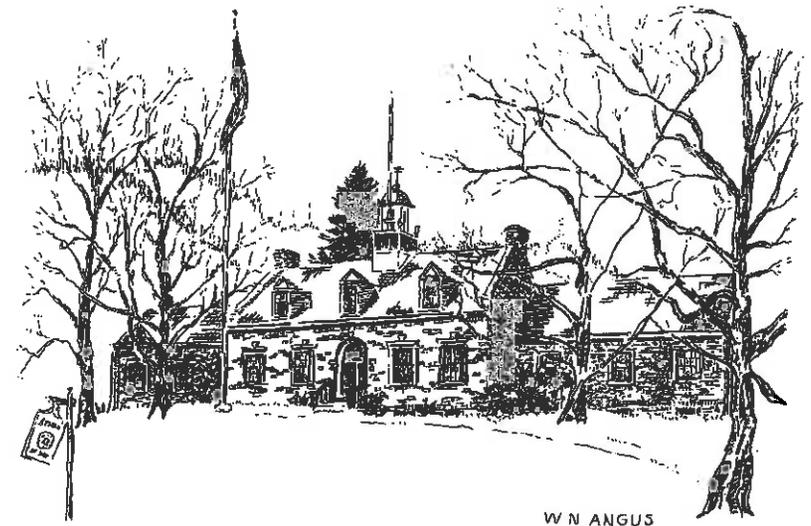
The Bedford Academy, now Bedford Free Library 1807

Friendly Squares Katonah
Kaethe Bierbach
4 Edgemont Ave.
Katonah, N.Y. 10506
841-4257

The Friendly Squares was formed about 35 years ago by a group of people interested in fostering participation, promotion and enjoyment of Square Dancing, and in sponsoring square dancing events and lessons. This club is one of only five in Westchester County, and they meet twice a month from September through mid-June in the Parish House of the Katonah Methodist Church, which is located at the corner of Edgemont and Bedford Rd. in Katonah. Instruction is given throughout the year on Mondays at the Katonah Methodist Church from September to June, from 7:30 P.M.- 9:30 P.M. Square dancing offers healthy low impact aerobics, lots of fun and great social contact. You are welcome to come to watch if you do not care to dance. For further information call the number listed above.

Friends of the Buxton Cemetery
Rosemary Lee
32 Succabone Rd.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-9505

Although the Buxton Cemetery was founded in 1788, it was not until 2006 that a group of neighbors, friends and relatives dedicated themselves to saving and restoring this venerable piece of Bedford's past. This dedicated group is attempting to compile a history of those buried there. The cemetery is located on Succabone and Bedford Center Roads. Tours of the cemetery are also offered. If you would like to help with restoration, learn more about the cemetery's history or volunteer for maintenance work call Rosemary Lee at 666-9505. Email enviro3232@aol.com



Bedford Town House 1927

Friends of the Katonah Village Library

**Marilyn A. Pellini
128 Huntville Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-8387**

In the early 1990's The Friends of the Library began to aid the library in aspects of fund raising, mailings to the community and help with meetings and refreshments for large group functions. It soon evolved into a devoted core of volunteers who completely maintain the shelf order of all books in the adult section of the library. The Children's Room also has a number of adults who keep the shelves straightened. The volunteers are asked to tend their area of shelves once per month, which takes about one hour, check for books needing repair, and lightly dust the books and area they maintain. There are approximately 35 helpers who faithfully take care of their area, and many of these people have been doing this job since the program began almost twenty years ago. If you could offer your time to be a Shelf-Reader or give help in any other aspect of the Friends Program, please call the person listed above or mention it to a librarian on your next library visit.

**Girl Scouts (Town of Bedford)
Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.
2 Great Oak Lane
Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570
747-3080**

There are numerous Girl Scout Troops operating in the Town of Bedford, and information about these groups is usually distributed through the local schools. The best way, however, to find out when and where troops meet, is to contact the Girl Scout Council listed above at 747-3080. Leaders who will share their time and expertise to help girls form a troop and earn badges are always needed. Part of the leader's function does require finding a coordinator for the annual cookie sales for their troop, which is the Girl Scouts' big fundraiser each year all over the country. Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson has more than 31,000 members in 7 counties throughout the lower Hudson Valley and about 15,000 adult volunteers. Girl scouting is open to girls and adults without regard to race, religion, disability, economic status or national origin. Their mission is the same as it was 98 years ago when founded...to give girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, to make friends, to have fun and to become a vital part of their community. The program levels are: Girl Scout Daisy-K & 1st grade, Girl Scout Brownie-2nd & 3rd grade, Girl Scout Juniors- 4th & 5th grade, Girl Scout Cadettes- 6-8th grade, Girl Scout Seniors- 9th & 10th grade, Girl Scout Ambassadors-11th & 12th grade.

Web Site- www.girlscoutshh.org

**Hopp Ground Garden Club of Bedford
Evelyn Tapani-Rosenthal
16 Barrett Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-6614**

In 1975, "We formed to conserve our natural heritage, add to the town's beauty through plantings and to increase our own horticultural knowledge," this group states. This group welcomes new members who are recommended by a current active member and who are willing to participate on committees, help with civic beautification, plantings and flower shows. A yearlong provisional program must be completed before new members are accepted as active members. Business meetings are held once a month in local buildings, usually the Bedford Presbyterian Church, from September to June. They make other pertinent announcements in a monthly newsletter, The Hopp Vine. Workshops and mini-lectures are given throughout the year. The club created and now maintains several sites in the community at John Jay Homestead, Bedford Hills Town Park and Bedford Hills Town Park.

**John Jay Homestead State Historic Site
Heather Iannucci
P.O. Box 832
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-5651**

John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and the second Governor of New York, built the Homestead in 1801. Five generations of the Jay family occupied the house until the 1950's. It was acquired by the State of New York and in 1964 and is open to the public year round. Tours are given Tuesday-Saturday 10 A.M.-4 P.M. November through March tours are at 12 P.M.-3 P.M. Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students, and children under ages 12 are free. This historic site has an interesting and varied calendar of events which includes lectures, Chess Tournament, Herb Fair and Country Fair to mention but a few. Their Friends group was organized in 1977 to provide a source of private funds for projects at the Homestead, such as restoration of the Schoolhouse and Barn Complex. There are different categories of membership and annual dues. All are invited to join. An active group of volunteers assist with programs and work behind the scenes on the archives, collections, and research and photography. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call the Homestead.

Web Site-www.johnjayhomestead.org

Junior League of Northern Westchester

Jennifer Bancroft

P. O. Box 229

Bedford, N.Y. 10506

234-4714

Women, without regard to race, color, religion or national origin, may join the Junior League. Their meetings are held evenings from September through June at various locations in Northern Westchester. Two young New Yorkers, Mary Harriman and Nathalie Henderson, founded the group in 1901 in New York City. Today there are 293 international chapters and 161,000 members in the U. S., Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. The Northern Westchester section began in 1953. The League is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and in proving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable. The JLNW contributes to the Northern Westchester Shelter and recently refurbished the ER waiting area at Northern Westchester Hospital and transformed the youth shelter at Green Chimneys. Wherever they find a need in the community, they try to solve that need.

Email- info@jlnw.org

Web Site-www.jlnw.org

Katonah/Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Cesar Perez

P. O. Box 43

Katonah, N.Y. 10536

232-5872

With the donation of a 1947 Cadillac ambulance by the Katonah Fire Department, the Corps became a functioning entity, which answered 16 calls that first year. A new ambulance was purchased about 20 years later and for some time was housed in the Ruger's barn. Property was purchased in 1967, and the current building was erected in 1987. An edition began in 2008 to house another emergency vehicle and to upgrade its training facilities. The name of the group became officially the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps in 1980. They now handle over 850 emergency calls per year and are responsible for large sections of the Saw Mill Pkwy. and Interstate 684. To join this group you must be at least 16 years old, live in the Katonah-Bedford Hills area and become certified in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) within 6 months of joining the Corps. They have monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and training on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at Corps headquarters at 160 Bedford Rd. in Katonah. There are currently 75 members, but they are in great need of more help especially during daylight hours. They provide a CPR course free of charge to either individuals or a group.

Web Site-www.kbhvac.org

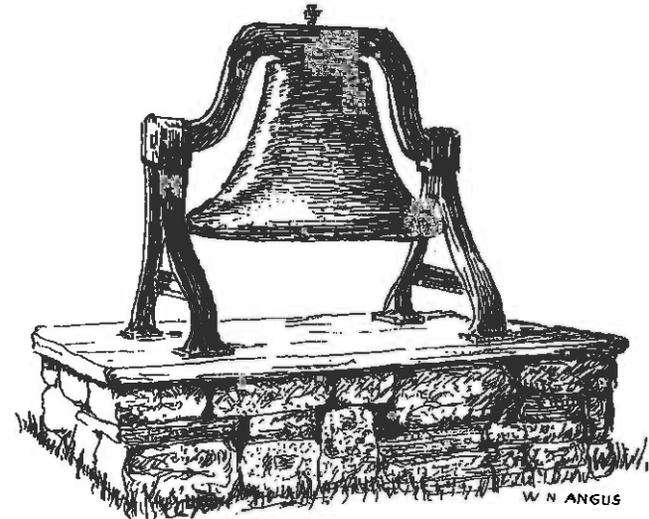
Katonah Chamber of Commerce
Midge Iorio
P.O. Box 389
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-2668

Furthering Katonah's strong community spirit is the dedicated goal of the Chamber of Commerce. Each year they raise funds for a community service scholarship given to a graduating local high school student. The last Friday and Saturday in July brings the Annual Sales Days to the shops of Katonah. On the last Saturday in September the Fall Festival is held with music, kids' rides and bargains in all shops. October welcomes ghosts and goblins to the downtown area for a colorful Halloween Parade. With the approach of the Holiday Season, Santa comes to town, and the Chamber also sponsors the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. This vital business organization services the needs of both residents and visitors to the area. The general member meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Forbes Agency and is announced on their web site. An annual meeting every June is held at Caramoor where plans for the coming year are finalized, their annual scholarship is awarded and new officers installed. A Katonah visitor's center has recently been established and is housed at Kellogg & Lawrence on the Parkway. All that is required for membership is an interest in the town and business community of Katonah.

Web Site-www.katonahchamber.org

Katonah Fire Department
Ben Schuberg
65 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-4570

Katonah's Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1874. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the firehouse located on Bedford Road. All regular members may attend. To join the fire fighters you must live in the Katonah Fire District or close vicinity for 6 months prior to applying for membership. These volunteers try constantly to promote fire safety and awareness. Each year in June, the Fireman's Parade is held, and it is followed by a 4-day carnival on the grounds of the firehouse. A raffle is held in conjunction with this event with \$2,000 in cash as the first prize. In November a chili supper is organized, which is open to the public. The Department also does an annual Fund Drive.
Web Site- www.katonahfd.org



Katonah Fire Bell, erected in 1950

**Katonah Historical Museum
Deirdre Courtney-Batson
c/o The Katonah Village Library
26 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-4320**

**Katonah Museum of Art
Gail Keene
134 Jay St.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-9555**

Katonah's Historical museum was founded in 1984 by a group of local citizens interested in discovering more about Katonah's illustrious past and protecting its history, artifacts and photographic memories for generations yet to come. The museum is located under the cupola at the Katonah Village Library, and it is a delight to climb the narrow spiral staircase to the museum's center. The committee tries to provide one to two displays per year that delve into some aspect of Katonah's history. If you call the library they can tell you about the current exhibit and the hours the museum is open. Some of the past exhibits have focused on historic churches, volunteer fire fighting, costumes and stained glass windows in historic homes of the village. One of the museum's most exciting possessions is a wedding quilt made in Katonah and dated 1854, which was discovered and purchased in Arizona. It is believed to have made its way across the country with the westward expansion and is embroidered with the names of many old Katonah families. It has been lovingly restored and protected to last well into the future. If you care to volunteer so the museum can continue to provide these fascinating exhibits, please call the number listed above.

Anyone who is a member of the Katonah Museum of Art may be a part of the Volunteer Council. There are different levels for membership with graduated fees. Many volunteer opportunities are available such as fund raising, research, writing, the children's learning center, docent, Taylor Gallery and reception desk. The museum began in 1953 and was then named the Katonah Gallery. It was originally housed in the Katonah Village Library. The Museum, which was completed in 1990, is now located in its own building on Jay St. There is no permanent collection, but 3 to 4 different exhibits are offered each year. Their shows have included such renowned artists as Al Hirschfeld, Alexander Liberman and Roy Lichtenstein to name but a few. The Museum offers lectures, tours of private collections special exhibitions and regional museums, workshops for children and families, community festivals and free summer jazz concerts. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M., and Sunday 12-5 P.M.
Web Site- www.katonahmuseum.org

**Katonah Village Improvement Society
Lisa Salzano & Susan Warsaw
Katonah Village Library
P.O. Box 263
Katonah, N.Y. 10536**

**Katonah Village Library
Van Kozelka
26 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-3508**

To participate in the Improvement Society you must be a contributor of \$15 or more to the Katonah Village Library. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month in the library at 7:30 P.M. This group was formed over 130 years ago in an attempt to establish a library in the village and help improve and maintain the quality of life here in the hamlet. The Improvement Society was also instrumental in the establishing of The Katonah Museum of Art and continues their interest in town beautification projects. KVIS made a substantial contribution to the library for the addition to the Children's Room. Through their annual plant sale in mid-May they raise funds to help support the library, provide a scholarship for a graduating senior at John Jay High School and donate funds to Family University and The Community Center. Each year KVIS hosts a wine testing event. They recently produced a map and walking tour of Katonah's historic business and residential districts and have also rebuilt the bulletin board at the train station which serves to hold many important community announcements. The Society has reprinted Frances R. Duncombe's book, "Katonah the History of a New York Village and Its People". These can be purchased at many of the retail shops in town or at the library.

Web Site-www.kvis.us

The library was originally established and funded by the Katonah Village Improvement Society in 1880. The present building opened in 1930, and an addition was added in 1968. Currently the Town of Bedford provides approximately 75% of the budget, and the remainder is solicited through fund raising. Since this is a public library, all local or Westchester County residents may use its facilities. The library provides educational, recreational and informational sources, and programs for the people of the town, county and surrounding areas. They offer free Internet access and twice-weekly Internet training. Twelve trustees serve on the library board. The Friends of the Library have established an ongoing volunteer shelf-reading program whose members keep all books in order for the public. The Children's Program includes story hours, special appearances, book clubs and much more. Adult hours are Sunday 1-5 P.M., Monday and Wednesday 10 A.M.-8 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday 10 A.M.-6 P.M., Friday 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M. and Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M. The Children's Room is open on Sunday 1 P.M.-5 P.M., Monday 10 A.M.-8 P.M., Tuesday -Friday 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M. and Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
Web Site- www.katonahlibrary.org

**The League of Women Voters
Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem
Del Bashkow 232-1045 & R. MacLaughlin 232-5735
P.O. Box 584
Goldens Bridge, N.Y. 10526**

After women won the right to vote, in order to “finish the fight”, they founded the League of Women Voters in 1920. It earned its activist credentials early on as a committed fighter for child labor laws, equal pay for women and other important causes. They were an early advocate for international “peace building” through the United Nations; a tireless foe of discrimination in education, employment and housing; strong supporters of action to clean up the environment and to stop the arms race. Today the League is making a new effort to do something about the distrust and hostility that dominate public debate in America, getting voters to the polls and opening doors for more women and minorities to be elected to public office. The League welcomes both men and women, and there are membership dues. Locally the group holds programs of public interest, Candidate’s Night and voter service. Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 A.M. at the Bedford Village Library.

**The Lions Club of Bedford Hills
Matt Garrity
P.O. Box 156
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-2085**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Bedford Hills Community House. This group was established in 1939 with a goal of community service. Membership is by invitation, but all are welcome. They actively support: Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Bedford Hills Boy Scouts and Cub Scout Troops, the Bedford Hills Library, the Bedford Hills Fishing Derby at the Bedford Hills Park, a Senior Citizens Holiday Party, the Bedford Hills Memorial Day Parade, scholarships for graduating Fox Lane High School Seniors and many other charitable activities. They also hold several major fund raising events each year. A yearly Pancake Breakfast is held in the spring. They also help sponsor two Nursing Scholarships in conjunction with the Bedford Village, Pound Ridge and Mt. Kisco Lions Clubs. Each year, two or more children from the graduating class at the Bedford Hills Elementary School are chosen for citizenship awards. The winners are given a U.S. Savings Bond.

Web Site- bhlionsclub.org

**Master Singers of Westchester
Les Robinson Hadsell
46 Rocky Ridge
Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. 10567
739- 3669**

If you have a love of great choral music and a burning desire to sing, you may wish to join the Master Singers in their 30th season. Rehearsals are Monday evenings 8-10 P.M. at the Fox lane Middle School on Rte, 172 in Mt. Kisco, and no audition is necessary to join the chorus. They meet from Sept. through April. The group's founding in 1981 sprang from the desire of 15 singers to perform great works from the choral repertoire and to share a first rate music experience within the local community. They now have 40 members and perform two concerts each year, in the fall and spring, accompanied by professional soloists and orchestra. These concerts are held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford Village.

Web Site- www.mastersingers@world.att.net



Bedford Hills Plaza

**Mianus River Gorge Preserve, Inc.
Roderick G. Christie
Gibb House
167 Mianus River Rd.
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
234-3455**

This Preserve was the pioneer land project of the Nature Conservancy, and one of the first Natural History Landmarks of the Federal Government. It is an oasis of more than 760 acres, fifty-three of which are old growth forest consisting of trees that are three to four hundred years old. There are over 3.5 miles of woodland trails for hiking along well kept yet rugged paths. By 2004 the Mianus River Gorge Preserve had grown from its original 60 acre purchase in 1955 to 761 acres. Its mission is to preserve, protect and promote appreciation of the natural heritage of the Mianus River Gorge and the quality of its watershed. It is kept a wildness area and setting for educational and scientific activities. The preservation work and acquisitions are carried out entirely by private subscription. Your financial help, through the annual appeal, or work as a volunteer is encouraged and most appreciated. One can work on the Stewardship Committee (trail work), Development or Fund Raising and others. The Mianus Gorge organization is also interested in watershed protection in Bedford, Pound Ridge and North Castle. The Preserve offers extensive programs for high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

Web Site- www.Mianus.org

**Mt. Kisco Concert Association
Muriel TenDyke
Black Brook Rd.
Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576
234-3652**

Mt. Kisco Concert Association was founded in 1968 by a group of area residents who wanted to offer the community high quality programs in music. This group has presented many now world-famous artists when they were just beginning their careers, including Garrich Ohlsson, Lynn Harrell and the Alvin Ailey Dance Companies. Other well-established performers have included the Beaux Arts Trio, Paula Robison and Jaime Laredo. These concerts take place in private homes. MKCA is a non-profit group with a volunteer Board of Directors. Any interested person is welcome to inquire about Board or Off-Board service opportunities. If you would like to become a member of the Mt. Kisco Concert Association and attend performances there is a \$110 fee per person.

**The Nature Conservancy Eastern New York Chapter
Marie Jones
265 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
244-3271**

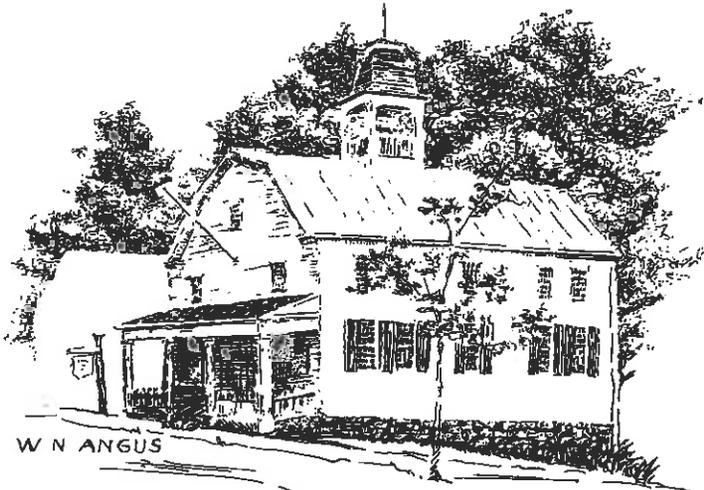
Over 50 years ago the Nature Conservancy was founded and has been working continuously to preserve plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on earth, by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. This group operates in all fifty states and twenty-seven countries across the globe, but traces its roots right here to Westchester County. On a Christmas Eve in 1953 neighbors of the Mianus River Gorge received word that 60 acres of old-growth forest was slated for development. These interested citizens were able to match the bid of the developer and thus began the Eastern N. Y. Chapter, the Conservancy's first, which now owns 43 Nature Preserves protecting over 15,000 acres in our area. Around the world they have protected 117 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of rivers. The Conservancy is a private, international, non-profit organization and for membership there is a basic fee of \$35. This chapter is supported through gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations. In Bedford there are three nature preserves: Piney Woods, Mt. Holly Sanctuary and Butler Sanctuary. Most of the Preserves are open for educational and passive recreational use. A Preserve Guide is available upon request. If you would like information on becoming a member or volunteer, call the number above.

Web Site-www.nature.org.

Northeast Katonah Community League

**Margaret Sorahan
12 Leslie Lane
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-3838**

Concern about a 42 acre parcel of land that was slated for subdivision in 1984 prompted the formation of the Northeast Katonah Community League. All that is required for membership is that you reside in the northeast corner of the town. Although there is no formal meeting schedule, the group convenes whenever a problem arises that directly affects their area. Past concerns have included the Park and Ride proposed for location at Rte. 35 and Rte. 22, and a Department of Transportation garage slated also for Rte. 35. Currently there are about 150 families belonging to the League. If you live in this area and have a specific concern or wish to join the group, call Margaret Sorahan at 232-3838.



The Bedford Court House 1787

Northeast Westchester Rotary

**Re Hagele
P.O. Box 22
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
276-3430**

Rotary is an organization which is renowned throughout the world. Locally it began in 1929, to promote service to the community. This chapter does just that by raising money to donate to scholarships and other community needs. The group was a charter member of the Community Center and continues to support the Center. Each year they hold a Pancake Breakfast and an annual Christmas Tree Sale. This Rotary Club sponsors Boy Scout Troop 1 Katonah, as well as Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops, and they have raised over \$10,000 for water treatment in Honduras. There are no requirements for joining, but they do attempt to attract individuals of different occupations, who have an interest in public service. Dinner meetings are held at John Michael's Restaurant in Purdys every Monday from 6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., with a speaker each week. Both men and women are welcome to join. In the past, as community projects, the group has built a shelter in the Town Park, purchased new indoor lighting for the library, and replaced a tree on the library grounds. The group has given over \$300,000 in scholarship money to area high school students.

Web Site- www.katonahrotary.com

**Northern Westchester Hospital
Community Connection
Ellen Muentener
400 E. Main St.
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
666-1925**

Promoting optimal wellness within the community, especially for today's generation of 55+ adults, is what the Community Connection aims to accomplish. To join, an individual membership is \$5, and for a family \$8. You will be able to attend health screenings, lectures on timely topics, interactive classes, trips and other recreational activities and receive physician referrals. Referrals and resources include support groups and counseling centers. Community connection is also the coordinator for the hospital volunteer corp. Members of the community can become active in the health care process by assisting the hospital staff and providing invaluable support to patients. To avail yourself, or someone you know, of these extensive services call 666-1925.

**Northern Westchester Parent-Child Group
Stacey Cleveland
P.O. Box 671
Bedford, N.Y. 10506
764-3317**

Since its inception in 1980, the Northern Westchester Parent-Child Group, has been committed to providing a quality program in which both parents and children participate. They serve children from 3 months to 4 years of age. Groups are structured according to the child's age, and enrollment is generally limited to eleven parents and children. NWPCG offers a place for parents to come together to exchange ideas and experiences. They are located at the Bedford Presbyterian Church on the Village Green in Bedford. There are two sessions of fifteen weeks each, one in the fall and another in spring, which meet once per week. Professional educators staff the program, and there is a fee to participate. The early childhood curriculum is based on the needs and development of each group. Parenting issues are also addressed.
Web Site- www.nwpcg.com



A building adjacent to the Bedford Court House

**The Rusticus Garden Club
Kathryn Hoenig
P.O. Box 732
Bedford, N.Y. 10506**

Monthly meetings are held by these gardening enthusiasts at various members' homes. To be considered for an associate membership, you must attend a number of meetings with a person who is a current member. Founded in 1939, by 20 women from Northern Westchester, the Rusticus Club was admitted as a member club of the Garden Club of America in 1952. The purpose of the parent group is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening and to share the advantages of an association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications. Rusticus members attempt to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the areas of conservation and civic improvement. They installed, and now maintain, gardens at the Bedford Libraries, the John Jay Homestead and Mt. Kisco Day Care Center. They have also funded the community garden at Marsh Sanctuary. Some of their meetings are open to the public, and at these gatherings they try to encourage concern for, and knowledge of, conservation issues and sound horticultural practices.

Web Site- www.rusticusgc.org

**Sportsmen's Club of Northern Westchester
James R. Gmelin
570 Bedford Rd.
Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549
666-5757**

A group of local sportsmen were the founders of this group in 1945. They wanted to further their interest in the outdoors, conservation, and hunting and fishing. The only requirement for membership in this club is that you be a United States citizen. The Sportsmen's Club meets at the Katonah Memorial House on Bedford Rd. in Katonah on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. throughout the year. Their current projects and future goals include:

- 1) Stream improvement and wildlife preservation.
- 2) Educating youth in outdoor sports and conservation.
- 3) Promoting wise use of our natural resources.

Web Site- www.sconw.com



The Katonah Village Library 1930

**The Town of Bedford Senior Citizens
Jim Whiting
Bedford Recreation and Parks Department
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
666-7203**

Residents age 60 or over are encouraged to take advantage of services and programs provided through the Town Recreation and Parks Department available to all senior citizens. Meetings are held at the Bedford Hills Community House on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Dance Exercise is held in Bedford Hills on Thursday at 12 noon. All meetings include a variety of programs and social activities. Those attending bring their lunch, and coffee and dessert are served. Programs are free, and door-to-door transportation is provided if needed. Shopping trips in the local area are offered on Tuesday and Thursday. Trips to shopping malls are held periodically. Each year a series of chartered bus trips to places of interest beyond the local area are offered. Special event holiday gatherings are held for Christmas, Valentines and St. Patrick's Day at the Bedford Hills Community House. Through the Mt. Kisco Nutrition Program, seniors may participate in either on-site meal programs offered in Mt. Kisco, or if eligible have meals brought to their homes through the Home Delivered Meals Program.

**Troop 1 Katonah Boy Scouts of America
Hank Tshorn
171 Bedford Rd.
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-5420**

The Boy Scouts and their leaders meet each Thursday evening from 7:30 P.M.-9 P.M. during the school year, at the Katonah Elementary School on Huntville Rd. Troop 1 is sponsored by The Northeast Westchester Rotary Club. In the late 1920's when the troop was founded, it was dedicated to teaching boys good citizenship and life skills through a program that is challenging and fun. These goals continue today and include an emphasis on outdoor activities such as camping and hiking and a dedication to community service. A boy does not have to belong to Cub Scouts before becoming a Boy Scout. He must, however, be 11 years old or 10 years old and in the 6th grade. Along with weekly meetings and work on merit badges, the troop often visits historical sites such as Valley Forge, Fort Ticonderoga and The Freedom Trail. A number of Cub Scout Packs do exist in the town of Bedford, including the hamlet of Katonah. For information about the Cub Scouts call the Westchester-Putnam Council, Boy Scouts of America at 773-1135.
Web Site- www.katonahbsa.com

**Boy Scout Troop 129 Bedford Village
Dr. Gary Cohn
509 Bedford Center Rd.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
234-3568**

Boy Scout Troop 129 meets weekly on Friday evening at 6:45 P.M. at the Bedford Village Firehouse. In addition to regular meetings, boys participate in monthly camp-outs, service projects and attend scout camp for a week each summer. Some of their projects have included work on the trails at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation for the Bedford Riding Lanes and also help with the town clean up sponsored by the Chowder and Marching Club. They work also with Neighbors Link, helping with their Thanksgiving Dinner, and the troop is constantly encouraged to give back to their community. These scouts work diligently on merit badges, working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. There are currently 7 boys approaching their Eagle rank. The troop has hiked from the Tappan Zee Bridge to the George Washington Bridge and has visited Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts, spending the night aboard on one of the ships. Attending football games and hockey games at West Point is also of special interest to the troop. The troop is also involved with the Midnight Run and projects in Nicaragua involving the collection of educational materials, medical supplies and community rehabilitation.
Web Site-www.bedfordtroop129.org

**Westchester Land Trust
Tom Andersen
403 Harris Rd.
Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507
241-6346**

Dedicated to protecting open space and promoting responsible land use throughout Westchester County is the main focus of WLT's mission statement. Their goals are also to protect the landscape that defines Westchester's communities and its quality of life: to preserve key scenic, wildlife, recreational and watershed lands; and to maintain and secure open spaces in urban areas. To accomplish these goals they acquire land and interests in land. Louis McCagg of Lewisboro founded the Land Trust in 1988. Thus far over 1800 acres have been preserved in their area. You may join the group by phoning Bobbe Stultz at 241-6346. Volunteers work on areas to protect conservation easements and to limit development. The Land Trust also welcomes land donations and monetary contributions.
Web Site-www.westchesterlandtrust.org

**Westmoreland Sanctuary
Stephen A. Ricker
200 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Bedford Corners, N.Y. 10549
666-8448**

Westmoreland Sanctuary, a museum and nature -center, was established in 1957. A reconstructed 200 year old former Presbyterian Church was dismantled and rebuilt at the Chestnut Ridge Rd. entrance. On the grounds is an outdoor lecture area, a center for maple sugaring, and an old cemetery. The Sanctuary, which consists of 635 acres, offers many classes for school children and the general public. An annual Sugar Fest is held each year in March, featuring a colonial sugaring demonstration and a pancake breakfast. The trails are open from dawn to dusk, and the museum hours are Monday-Saturday 9 A.M.-5 P.M. and Sunday 10:30 A.M.-5 P.M. Membership is \$40, family membership \$75, and children 12 years and under \$5. No pets are allowed on the premises.

Web Site- www.westmorlandsanctuary.org

**The Women's Civic Club of Katonah
Elena Caruso
P.O. Box 122
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-3010**

Civic Club came into being in January of 1918 as a continuation of the Katonah Suffrage Club, which had been founded in 1913 for the purpose of helping women obtain the right to vote. After years of envisioning a clubhouse of their own, the dream became reality with the laying of the cornerstone for Memorial House in 1924, as a tribute to the men and women of Katonah who had served in the war. To replace the many fundraising activities needed to support the property, the Katonah Thrift Shop was started in 1945. The shop originally had many locations in the hamlet, but was installed on the renovated lower level of Memorial House in 1984. The house itself is in constant use by many civic organizations and can be rented by individuals and not-for-profit groups. Club meetings are held at the Memorial House on Bedford Rd. at 11:30 A.M. on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to June. To join, you must be willing to commit to two 3-hour shifts per month at the club Thrift Shop. Women's Civic Club is the largest individual contributor to the Katonah Village Library and offers the largest number of scholarships to graduating John Jay students and others. In addition, monies earned from their Thrift Shop are given to support girl scouts, the ambulance corps, hospital and many other local civic groups.

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